

## BE PART OF THE SOLUTION: ALTERNATIVES TO OPEN BURNING

### Reduce

- Look for items with less packaging.
- Buy items in packaging that can be reused or recycled.

### Reuse

- Donate old clothes, shoes, books, appliances, electronics, furniture and toys to charity.
- Carry a coffee mug with you instead of disposable cups.
- Bring your own cloth bag to the store or reuse plastic bags.

### Recycle

- Many counties in Kentucky have a community recycling center. You can bring one or more of the following:
  - Newspaper
  - Plastics #1 and #2
  - Cardboard
  - Aluminum
  - Steel
  - Glass

### Compost

- Leaves and grass clippings can be turned into food for your garden or houseplants.
- Instead of burning old pallets, tie four pallets together to make a simple compost bin.

### Landfill

- Items that cannot be reused or recycled should be taken to the landfill.
- Many counties have one day a month FREE of charge.

Contact the Division for Air Quality, Division of Waste Management or your local solid waste coordinator for more information.

## Division for Air Quality 1-888-BURN-LAW

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Hazard	(606) 435-6022
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### OTHER CONTACTS

#### 24-hour Environmental Emergency (800) 928-2380

Louisville Metro APCD	(502) 574-6000
Division of Forestry	(800) 866-0555
Fire Marshal's Office	(502) 564-3626
Kentucky Fire Commission	(800) 782-6823
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Division of Waste Management	(502) 564-6716
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# OPEN BURNING LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN



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BE FINED UP TO \$25,000.

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## ILLEGAL OPEN BURNING

### Agriculture

Animal Bedding  
Hay  
Muck Piles (horse manure/hay)

### Construction

Asbestos Materials  
Buildings (houses, barns and garages)  
Construction Debris  
Demolition Debris  
Renovation Debris  
Drywall  
Shingles

### Household Garbage

Animal or Vegetable  
Plastic  
Cans  
Glass

### Wood Materials

Fence Posts  
Pallets  
Sawdust  
Wood Chips and Shavings  
Wood Mulch  
Painted, Stained, or Pressure-Treated Wood

### Miscellaneous

Chemical Containers  
Coated Wire  
Insulated Wire  
Rubber  
Tires  
Used Oil  
Motor Oil  
Industrial, Business, School, Church,  
and Farm Waste

*Open burning is any open  
flame in the environment.*

## LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN

Some open burning is legal, with restrictions. But many materials are illegal to burn. The Division for Air Quality can impose fines of up to \$25,000 per day per violation of the law. It pays to learn before you burn!

## OPEN BURNING FACTS

Air pollution from open burning can cause •asthma •emphysema •heart attacks •birth defects •nervous system damage •other health problems. Children and the elderly are especially sensitive to the air pollution from open burning.

## WHY IS IT BETTER TO SEND YOUR TRASH TO A LANDFILL?

Backyard burn barrels and woodstoves produce low temperature fires. Burning trash at low temperatures produces a lot of smoke and releases many toxic pollutants like dioxin/furans.

EPA has shown that open burning of garbage is the largest source of dioxins in the nation. Dioxin/furans have been linked to cancer in humans. Dioxin/furans from open burning end up in our water and soil. They accumulate in animal tissue and enter our food supply, especially in meat and dairy.

## LEGAL OPEN BURNING

### Agriculture

Plant Beds  
Tobacco Curing  
Animal Carcasses (disease control)

### Land Management

Leaves (check local laws)  
Natural Growth from Land Clearing  
Tree Limbs Felled by Storms  
Weeds  
Natural Land Management

### Construction Sites

Warming Fires (clean lumber only)

### Miscellaneous

Camp Fires  
Ceremonial Bonfires  
Cooking  
Fire Training  
Household Paper Products

## RESTRICTIONS

- When a fire emergency is declared, ALL open burning is prohibited.
- During fire hazard season, burning within 150 feet of any woodland area is allowed only between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- From May-September, open burning is restricted in counties that have been designated nonattainment for ozone and particulate matter.
- **Do not** burn within 50 feet of any structure.
- **Do not** burn near landfills.
- **Do not** burn near streams or sinkholes.
- **Do not** burn near utility lines.

Be kind to your children. Be courteous to your neighbors. Follow the law. Do not burn illegally!